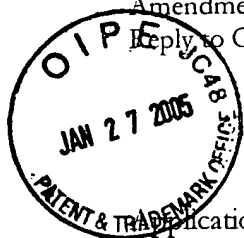


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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 24, 2004. Included herewith is a Request for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time for the above Application to extend the response deadline up to and including the date of January 24, 2005. In view of the following Amendments and Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of claims pending in this Application. In that regard, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for discussing the Office Action in a phone call held on January 24, 2005.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page two (2) of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page five (5) of this paper.